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I point out to Shigemitsu that, when we speak of the frontier, we mean the existing frontier established by the Khunchun and other agreements and it is the only frontier we can speak of.

Shigemitsu's reply is, that according to their interpretation of the Khunchun agreement, the Japanese party considers that the frontier before July 11 should be the one between Manchukuo and the U.S.S.R.

It means that the Chankhufing hill is a Manchurian territory. Therefore, it is desirable that the Soviet party should not attack the Japanese troops even if Chankhufing were now in the hands of the Japanese.

I say to Shigemitsu, I am afraid there is no use of conversing any longer and we had better discontinue the talk. We have shown the frontier on the map. The Bezimaynaya and Chankhufing hills are on the Soviet territory. We shall defend them at any cost and we shall not yield an inch. If the Ambassador does not agree with me, we had better discontinue the conversation.

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I said to Shigemitsu that I wanted to take advantage of his visit in order to express my surprise at the fact that the Japanese troops continued their attacks and artillery fire after he had proposed the cessation of hostilities and I had replied that we would cease hostilities if the Japanese troops ceased their attacks and fire from the Manchurian side of the frontier. I said that we were forced to counteract and even bring our aircraft into operation. Although the Japanese attacks were repulsed, the Japanese Government was responsible for the casualties.

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Tokyo, Japan

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